

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for producing a hydrophobically finished aramid fabric, comprising at least the steps
 - a) providing an aramid yarn,
 - b) applying a water-repellent agent to the aramid yarn,
 - c) drying the aramid yarn resulting from step b),
 - d) forming a fabric from the aramid yarn resulting from step c), and
 - e) heat treating the fabric.
2. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step a), the aramid yarn is provided by a spinning process after leaving a wash bath.
3. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the aramid yarn is produced from poly(p-phenylene terephthalamide).
4. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step b), the water-repellent agent is an agent comprising fluorine and carbon atoms.
5. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 4, wherein in step b), the water-repellent agent is an agent comprising a mixture of at least two fluoroacrylate polymers.
6. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 5, wherein the water-repellent agent further includes ~~contains~~ an antistatic agent.
7. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 5, wherein the water-repellent agent further includes ~~contains~~ a lubricant.
8. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step b), the water-repellent agent is applied to the aramid yarn as an aqueous emulsion.

9. (Original) Method according to Claim 8, wherein in step b), the water-repellent agent is present in the aqueous emulsion in a concentration in the range of 20 – 300 g/l.
10. (Original) Method according to Claim 8, wherein in step b), the application of the water-repellent agent comprises passing the aramid yarn over a roller immersed in a bath containing the aqueous emulsion of the water-repellent agent.
11. (Original) Method according to Claim 10, wherein in step b), the aqueous emulsion has a temperature in the range of 15 - 35°C.
12. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step c), the aramid yarn resulting from step b) is dried at a temperature in the range of 130 - 210°C.
13. (Original) Method according to Claim 12, wherein in step c), the drying time of the aramid yarn resulting from step b) is in the range of 5 – 15 seconds.
14. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step d), a plain weave fabric is produced.
15. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step e), the heat treatment is carried out in the temperature range of 120 - 200°C.
16. (Original) Method according to Claim 15, wherein in step e), the heat treatment is carried out for a duration of 30 – 120 seconds.
17. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, wherein after step e), the fabric contains 0.001 – 0.02 g of water-repellent agent per g of fabric.
18. (Withdrawn) Hydrophobically finished aramid fabric produced in accordance with the method of Claim 1.
19. (Withdrawn) An antiballistically effective article comprising the hydrophobically finished aramid fabric of Claim 18.

20. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the fabric formed in step d) is subjected only to heat treatment in step e).

21. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the fabric following the heat treatment in step e) consists essentially of a non-composite network of the water-repellent agent treated aramid yarns.